



Holbrook Primary School

Grounds Policy

The aim of the Governing Body is to provide a stimulating and appropriate learning environment for staff, pupils and visitors.

The schools first aim is to develop and maintain the grounds as a recreational resource to make the time spent outside the school building a pleasurable and positive experience for all children. We want to create an appropriate scale of space in which children can play and develop safely and happily. We also hope to foster a belief in the importance of outdoor activity as part of a healthy lifestyle.

Our second aim is to develop the grounds as an educational resource. By effectively managing our wild area including the pond, extending it by the planting of native shrubs and trees and leaving areas of unmown grass and encouraging wildlife into it. We aim to

- ❖ Provide an immediately accessible fieldwork facility.
- ❖ Give pupils direct experience with opportunities to see and touch primary resources.
- ❖ Promote positive attitudes towards the environment
- ❖ Develop the development of skills and attitudes for the future.
- ❖ Enable children to share in and see conservation in action.
- ❖ Strengthen links with the local community.

Through the School Council children are regularly asked for their ideas and opinions about how they would like their school grounds to be improved and developed.

The Governing Body accepts that it has a responsibility to provide and maintain the grounds of the school. Annually the grounds maintenance contract is reviewed and agreed by governors. The contract highlights the general maintenance that the grounds company perform, which includes, grass cutting, annual inspection of trees, hedge cutting and borders and sports markings.

Annual risk assessments are completed about the grounds, including the play grounds, field and the wild area. Risks are identified and discussed during Premises committee meetings. Outside play equipment is annually inspected and risk assessments are completed.

The Grounds Policy shall be reviewed in line with the governors' schedule of policy review.